

May 11, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**RE: Docket 4978 - 2021 Last Resort Service Procurement Plan
Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 1
Co-Sponsorship of PUC 1-15**

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On May 7, 2020, National Grid¹ filed the Company's responses to the Public Utilities Commission's First Set of Data Requests in the above-referenced docket. The Company's response to data request PUC 1-15 indicated that it was "[p]repared by or under the supervision of: James Ruebenacker." Please be advised that PUC 1-15 was prepared by or under the supervision of James Ruebenacker and Ian Springsteel as co-sponsors. In addition, the second paragraph in the Company's response to 1-15 should be labeled "b" as it aligns to question PUC 1-15(b).

Enclosed, please find an updated response to PUC 1-15 which incorporates the aforementioned changes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 401-784-4263.

Very truly yours,



Andrew S. Marcaccio

Enclosure

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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company).

PUC 1-15

Request:

For customers enrolled in National Grid's Residential Renewable Energy Growth Program, does National Grid currently include all load measured at the residence in the load served by Standard Offer Service suppliers? If so,

- a. What changes to Last Resort Service supplier contracts and/or agreements would be necessary to net the on-site generation against on-site load, as is the case for net metering installations?
- b. What changes to data collection, tabulation, and reporting would be necessary to net on-site generation against on-site load?

Response:

Load from residential customers participating in the Renewable Energy Growth (RE Growth) Program is included in the load served by Standard Offer Service suppliers if those customers have not opted to take service from Nonregulated Power Producers.

- a. The Company does not believe any changes to Last Resort Service (LRS) supplier contracts would be needed to net load of on-site generation against on-site load for customers enrolled in the RE Growth residential solar tariff. At present, generation from residential RE Growth facilities slightly reduces purchases of Standard Offer Service (SOS) supply, as well as customers' purchases from nonregulated power producers by lowering losses in the state. Through the RE Growth Program, the Company provides credit for all generation up to the amount of a customer's on-site use in a month as "bill credits" to provide individual benefit, or netting, of generation against load. At the same time, all customers, who in total pay for the RE Growth program, benefit from the reductions in energy supply needed to meet local loads. A change to the RE Growth Program that required the Company to net on-site generation against on-site load for each RE Growth customer on an hourly, daily, or other basis may introduce additional load volatility for the LRS suppliers but could be possible.
- b. In order to capture 100 percent of the on-site generation as an offset to measured LRS load, advanced meter functionality with interval metering of residential customers and changes in the calculation of load settlement by the Company's Meter Data Services department would be required. This would be a change in the payments to LRS suppliers; RE Growth customers would also need to see adjustments on their bills to show self-supply and any amount still provided from the SOS supplier.

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